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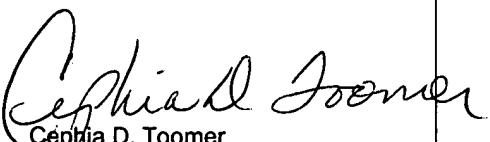
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1. The amendment filed on 08 March 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

Applicant has not identified the status of claim 8. The amendment to claims 7 and 12 constitute new matter. The specification states that soaking occurs for a period of less than about one hour and not as applicant has amended the claims to recite "greater than about one hour."


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Philip Lane on January 4, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 8 (cancelled).

Claim 10 (currently amended) The method for producing an abrasive carbon foam of claim 7, wherein said carbide precursor powder has particle sizes below about 100 microns.

Claim 16 (currently amended) The abrasive carbon foam manufactured by a process of claim 12, wherein said carbide precursor is a powder having a particle size below about 100 microns.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cephia D. Toomer whose telephone number is 571-272-1126. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on 571-272-1119. The fax phone

number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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